

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Actions dated July 27, 2005 and November 2, 2005. In view of the above supplemental amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 1 – 9 are currently pending in this application, wherein the claims are being amended to correct formal errors and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention.

Additional Amendments

The abstract and specification are being further amended to correct formal errors and to better disclose and describe the features of the present invention as claimed. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

As indicated by the Examiner in the July 27, 2005 Office Action, claims 1 – 6 were allowed, and claims 7 – 9 would be allowed pending the amendment of the claims to overcome the formal rejection. In view of the above-outlined amendments, Applicants will contend that all the claims of record are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

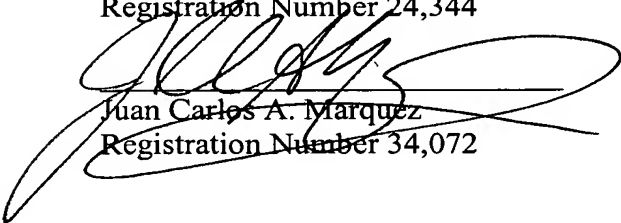
In view of all the above, Applicant respectfully submits that certain clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art as a whole. These differences are more than sufficient that the present invention as now claimed would not have been anticipated nor rendered obvious given the prior art. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to

contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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